launching a call director unit to set up a demon conference component in said memory;

receiving an incoming call signal on said network interface;

processing said incoming call signal in said demon conference component to detect an intended recipient application using a listen string, said listen string containing an application signature; and

launching said intended recipient application using said application signature.

2. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of processing said incoming call signal comprises the steps of:

parsing said incoming call signal to determine a signal type and a signal port; and

determining said intended recipient application based on said signal type and said signal port.

3. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of launching said intended recipient application comprises the steps of:

determining said intended recipient application based on a signal type and a signal port;

locating said intended recipient application using said application signature; and

signaling a process manager to launch said intended recipient application.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of launching said call director unit to set up said demon conference component includes [further comprising] the steps of:

loading a call processing module into said memory; and

initializing said call processing module to process calls using said network interface.

5. (Unchanged) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of loading said call processing module into said memory comprises the steps of:

loading a call directing component;

loading a first conference component;

loading a first transport component; and

loading a first network component.

6. (Unchanged) The method of claim 5, wherein said step of initializing said call processing module comprises the steps of:

initializing said first network component to operate with said network interface;

initializing said call directing component to monitor for said incoming call signal;

initializing said first transport component to receive said incoming call signal; and

initializing said first conference component to transfer said incoming call signal.

7. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving an initialization message from said intended recipient application; and

removing said intended recipient application from an internal list if said initialization message does not correspond to an expected message.

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8. (Twice Amended) In a computer system having a memory, a processor, and a network interface, an apparatus comprising:

a call directing module;

a process manager coupled to said call directing module; and,

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a conferencing component coupled to said network interface and said call directing module;

where said conferencing component <u>is configured by said call directory module to notify</u> [containing a circuit for notifying] said call directing module upon receipt of an incoming call and causing said call director to signal said process manager

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to activate a conferencing application based on a listen string and an application signature.

9. (Twice Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a processor;

a memory coupled to said processor;

a network interface coupled to said processor;

said memory configured to cause said processor to:

receiving an incoming call signal on said network interface;

processing said incoming call signal to detect an intended recipient application using a listen string, said listen string containing an application signature; and

launching a conferencing application <u>using said application signature</u> [if said intended recipient application is said conferencing application].

Please add the following claims:

--10. (New) In a computer system having a memory, a processor, and a network interface, an apparatus comprising:

means for launching a call director unit to set up a demon conference component in said memory;

means for receiving an incoming call signal on said network interface;

means for processing said incoming call signal in said demon conference component to detect an intended recipient application using a listen string, said listen string containing an application signature; and

means for launching said intended recipient application using said application signature.

11. (New) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said means for processing said incoming call signal comprises:

means for parsing said incoming call signal to determine a signal type and a signal port; and

means for determining said intended recipient application based on said signal type and said signal port.

12. (New) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said means for launching said intended recipient application comprises:

means for determining said intended recipient application based on a signal type and a signal port;

means for locating said intended recipient application using said application signature; and

means for signaling a process manager to launch said intended recipient application.

13. (New) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising:

means for loading a call processing module into said memory; and

means for initializing said call processing module to process calls using said network interface.

14. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said means for loading said call processing module into said memory comprises:

means for loading a call directing component;

means for loading a first conference component;

means for loading a first transport component; and

means for loading a first network component.

15. (New) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said means for initializing said call processing module comprises:

means for initializing said first network component to operate with said network interface;

means for initializing said call directing component to monitor for said incoming call signal;

means for initializing said first transport component to receive said incoming call signal; and

means for initializing said first conference component to transfer said incoming call signal.

16. (New) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

means for receiving an initialization message from said intended recipient application; and

means for removing said intended recipient application from an internal list if said initialization message does not correspond to an expected message.

17. (New) An article comprising a computer readable medium having instructions stored thereon, which when executed, causes:

launching a call director unit to set up a demon conference component in a memory;

receiving an incoming call signal on a network interface;

processing said incoming call signal in said demon conference component to detect an intended recipient application using a listen string, said listen string containing an application signature; and

launching said intended recipient application using said application signature.

18. (New) The article of claim 17, wherein the computer readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which when executed, causes:

parsing said incoming call signal to determine a signal type and a signal port; and

determining said intended recipient application based on said signal type and said signal port.

19. (New) The article of claim 17, wherein the computer readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which when executed, causes:

determining said intended recipient application based on a signal type and a signal port;

locating said intended recipient application using said application signature; and

signaling a process manager to launch said intended recipient application.

20. (New) The article of claim 17, wherein the computer readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which when executed, causes:

loading a call processing module into said memory; and

initializing said call processing module to process calls using said network interface.

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21. (New) The article of claim 20, wherein the computer readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which when executed, causes:

loading a call directing component;

loading a first conference component;

loading a first transport component; and

loading a first network component.

22. (New) The article of claim 21, wherein the computer readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which when executed, causes:

initializing said first network component to operate with said network interface;

initializing said call directing component to monitor for said incoming call signal;

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